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AGENTS FOR THE CHINA MAIL.

LONDON.—F. ALGAR, 11 & 12, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E.C. GEORGE STREET & CO., 30, Cornhill, GORDON & GOTCH, Ludgate Circus, E.C. BATES, HENDY & CO., 37, Walbrook, E.C. SAMUEL DEACON & CO., 150 & 164, Leadenhall Street.

PARIS AND EUROPE.—AMBER FRENCE & CO., 36, Rue Lafayette, Paris.

NEW YORK.—ANDREW WIND, 21, Park Row.

AUSTRALIA, TASMANIA, AND NEW ZEALAND.—GORDON & GORKE, Melbourne and Sydney.

SAN FRANCISCO AND AMERICAN PORTS generally.—BEAN & BLACK, San Francisco.

SINGAPORE, STRAITS, &c.—SAILEY & CO., Square, Singapore; C. HEINZEN & CO., Manila.

CHINA.—MUNO, P. A. de CRAZ, Shantou; QUIGLEY & CO., Amoy; WILSON, NICHOLLS & CO., Foochow; HEDDIX & CO., Shanghai; LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & WALSH, Yokohama; LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & CO.

Banks.

NOTICE.

RULES OF THE HONGKONG SAVINGS' BANK.

1.—The business of the above Bank will be conducted by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, and their premises in Hongkong. Business hours on week-days, 10 to 3; Saturdays, 10 to 1.

2.—Sums less than \$1, or more than \$250 at one time will not be received. No depositor may deposit more than \$2,500 in any one year.

3.—Depositors in the Savings' Bank having \$100 or more at their credit may at their option transfer the same to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on fixed deposit for 12 months at 6 per cent, per annum interest.

4.—Interest at the rate of 3½ per cent, per annum will be allowed to depositors on their daily balances.

5.—Each Depositor will be supplied gratis with a Pass-Book which must be presented with each payment or withdrawal. Depositor must not make known to themselves in their Pass-Books but should send them to be written up at least twice a year, about the beginning of January and beginning of July.

6.—Correspondence to the business of the Bank if marked "On Hongkong Savings' Bank" is forwarded free by the various British Post Offices in Hongkong and China.

7.—Withdrawals may be made on demand, but the personal attendance of the depositor or his duly appointed agent, and the production of his Pass-Book are necessary.

For the

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, May 7, 1886. 754

THE NEW ORIENTAL BANK CORPORATION, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....\$2,000,000

PAID-UP.....2,000,000

REGISTERED OFFICE,
40, THE NEW BOND STREET, LONDON.BRANCHES:
In India, China, Japan, and the Colonies.

THE Bank receives Money on Deposit,

buys and sells Bills of Exchange, issues Letters of Credit, forwards Bills for Collection, and transacts Banking and Agency Business generally on terms to be had on application.

APPROVED CLAIMS on the Oriental Bank Corporation in Liquidation, or the Advances of such Owners, purchased

1.—By an immediate Payment in Cash of not less than 90% for the whole of the Capital.

2.—4½ 100% Payment being made in fully paid Scrip of the Corporation's 3½ cent. Perpetual Debenture Stock, carrying interest from date of issue, and exchangeable for Stock Warrants of \$100 with Half-Yearly Interest Coupons attached, on the Scrip being made up to any even multiple of \$100.

HOLDERS OF THIS STOCK incur no liability whatever.

H. A. HERBERT,
Manager,

Hongkong Branch.

Hongkong, February 18, 1886. 314

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL.....\$7,500,000

RESERVE FUND.....\$4,000,000

RESERVE FOR EQUALIZATION.....\$500,000

RESERVE LIABILITY OF P.D.C. \$7,500,000

PAILOWS.....\$7,500,000

COURT OF DIRECTORS.

Chairman—A. MOYER, Esq.

Deputy Chairman—M. GEOT, Esq.

O. D. BOTTOMLEY, E. H. M. HUNTINGTON, Esq.

H. L. DALMATEY, Hon. W. KENNICK, Esq.

H. HOPFUS, Esq. Hon. F. D. SARSON,

Chairman—THOMAS JACKSON, Esq.

MANAGER,

Shanghai—EVAN CAMERON, Esq.

LONDON BANKERS AND COMPTON,

Bank.

HONGKONG.

INTEREST ALLOWED.

ON Current Deposit Account, at the rate of 2 per cent, per annum on the daily balance.

For Fixed Deposits—

For 3 months, 3 per cent, per annum.

" 6 " 4 per cent. "

" 12 " 5 per cent. "

Local Bills Discounted.

Credits granted on approved Securities and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts granted on London, and the other Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, &c.

T. JACKSON,
Chairman.

Hongkong, February 27, 1886. 402

Notices of Firms.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

MR. HARRY ARNOLD WOOLNOUGH is appointed SECRETARY of the above-named Company and is authorized to SIGN it for it in that Capacity.

JNO. D. HUMPHREYS,
General Manager.Hongkong Dispensary,
3rd April, 1886. 676

NOTICE.

MR. EDMUND SINGLETON WHEATON has this Day ASSUMED CHARGE of our BUSINESS in this Colony, and is authorized to SIGN our Firm per Procuration.

ADAMSON, BELL & CO.

Hongkong, April 3, 1886. 677

NOTICE.

DURING the Absence of the Undersigned, MR. JOHN WALTER has been appointed Acting Chief Manager of the Corporation.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, March 30, 1886. 640

NOTICE.

DURING the Absence of our Mr. C. D. BOTTOMLEY, Mr. THOMAS EDMUND DAVIES is authorized to SIGN our Firm per Procuration.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.

Hongkong, March 16, 1886. 540

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day RE-ESTABLISHED myself in BUSINESS at this Port, under the Name of GEO. R. STEVENS & CO.

GEO. R. STEVENS,
Padler's Street.

Hongkong, March 24, 1886. 604

THE RICHMOND TERRACE ESTATE AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

MR. JOHN WILLMOTT is appointed SECRETARY of the above-named Company. JNO. D. HUMPHREYS;
General Manager.

Hongkong, April 2, 1886. 672

Intimations.

TENDERS will be Received by the Undersigned on or before the 8th Instant, for the CONVEYANCE to MANA of the UNDERTAKEN COMBUSTIBLE STORES, under the Regulations for H.M. Transport Services.

FILLED CARTOUCHES, 40 Tons
Do. SHELL, 162 "

The lowest or any Tender will not necessarily be accepted.

W. H. LOBB,
Naval Storekeeper.H. M. Naval Yard,
Hongkong, 3rd April, 1886. 685

THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.—This is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Registered Office of this Company, No. 7, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 30th day of April, 1886, at Three O'Clock in the Afternoon, for the purpose of Confirming the Special Resolution proposed and passed, at the last Meeting of the Shareholders held on the 3rd day of April, 1886.

NOTICE is hereby given that, the aforesaid Resolutions being duly Confirmed, an EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 7, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 20th day of April, 1886, at a Quarter-past three o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of Passing a Special Resolution, to empower the Board of Directors to sub-divide the present Shares of \$100 each of the Company into Shares of \$20 each.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
T. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hongkong, April 3, 1886. 683

NOTICE.

HONGKONG STEAM BAKERY.

NOTICE.—FROM 1st March the Price for FIRST QUALITY HOUSEHOLD BREAD will be Five Cents per Pound.

499 DORABEE NOWROOZER

HONGKONG AND WHAMPoa DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE.—This is hereby given that SHAREHOLDERS only whose Names shall appear in the Company's Register, on the 15th day of April next, shall be entitled to Receive pro rata the New Issues of SHARES sanctioned by and in accordance with the Special Resolution confirmed this day.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 15th to the 10th day of April, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

DAVID GILLIES,
Secretary.

Hongkong, March 18, 1886. 589

THE HARDEN STAR HAND GRENADE FIRE EXTINGUISHER.

BY Order of H. B. the OFFICER Administering the Governmental GOVERNMENT HOUSE has been Fitted with the above.

E. GLASS,

Agent.

Hongkong Hotel.

Hongkong, March 22, 1886. 692

NOTICE.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby notified that on Presentation of their SHARE CERTIFICATES at the Head Office of this Company, NEW ONES will be issued in Exchange, in accordance with the Resolution recently passed.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,

General Managers.

Hongkong, March 31, 1886. 693

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Business Notices.

THE 'DEMON'
IS THE BEST
TENNIS BAT.

(+) —

THE 'DEMON'
SOLD ONLY BY
LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

—

THE 'DEMON.'
PRICE, - - - \$5.50 EACH.
LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, March 16, 1886.

Intimations.

NOTICE.

THE POSTMASTER GENERAL acknowledges the RECEIPT of the Messrs. ANNHOFF, KAUBERO & CO. of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS in lieu of penalty for the despatch of the S.S. Meming to Newchwang, WITHOUT NOTICE to the Post Office.

General Post Office,
Hongkong, April 3, 1886. 684

THE LEE YUEN SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED, IN LIQUIDATION.

THE LIQUIDATORS are prepared to receive TENDERS for the PURCHASE of the LAND, BUILDINGS, MACHINERY, and FIXTURES of THE LEE YUEN SUGAR REFINING COMPANY.

All Tenders should be submitted in an Envelope addressed "Tenderer for PURCHASE of LEE YUEN SUGAR REFINING COMPANY" and addressed to the Liquidators of the Lee Yuen Sugar Refining Company.

The Purchaser provided it exceeds the sum of \$100,000 and provided also it is in a form which can be obtained at the Office of C. EWANS, at 45, Queen's Road, Hongkong, and is in accordance with the conditions contained in such form.

The Purchaser must also purchase the COAL, ANIMAL CHARCOAL, and OFFICE FURNITURE, and SPARE MACHINERY, and STORES in the Godown (which are not included in the Tender) at Invoice Prices.

The Purchaser must also take over from date of sale, the liability of the Company under the Contract with the English Sugar Boiler of the Company who has been engaged for a term expiring in February, 1887.

The Refinery is most favourably situated occupying almost 100,000 square feet of ground by the side of Bowrington Canal and close to the Harbour.

The whole of the Buildings and Machinery are in excellent order, a large portion of the Plant and Machinery having never been used.

The Refinery is capable of refining 1,200 piculs of Raw Sugar per day.

Dated this Eighteenth day of March, 1886.

ANDREW JOHNSTON.

LAU WAI CHUN 麥渭川.

For Sale.

MacEWEN, FRICKEL & CO.,
VICTORIA EXCHANGE,
QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

HAVE FOR SALE
THE FOLLOWING

STORES.

York HAMS.

Roll BUTTER.

Toposca BUTTER.

French BUTTER.

Epp's COCOA.

YAN HOUTEN'S COCOA.

Picnic TONGUES.

MACKEREL in Sib Tins.

RAISINS and CURRANTS.

Crystallized FRUITS.

SAVORY & MOORE's New Infant FOOD.

BARNES & Co.'s JAMS.

Potted MEATS.

PAPE de FOIS GRAS.

Swiss MILK.

BODDEN'S

CONDENSED MILK.

COOKING STOVES.

KEROSINE LAMPS.

WINES, &c.

GILDEY's Sparkling SAUMUR, Pts. & Qu.

SACCONE's MANZANILLA.

SACCONE's Old Invalid PORT.

Old Bourbon WHISKY.

BURKE's Old Irish WHISKY.

Royal Glenlivet WHISKY.

MARSALA.

&c., &c., &c.

THE USUAL ASSORTMENT

OILMAN'S STORES,
at the
Lowest Possible Prices
FOR CASH.MacEWEN, FRICKEL & CO.
Hongkong, February 10, 1886.

Entertainments.

CHIARINI'S GRAND
CIRCUS
AND
MANEGERIE
OF
TRAINED ANIMALS.Will Exhibit at Hongkong,
commencing
TOMORROW,
6TH APRIL, 1886.For Particulars see Future Advertisements.
FRANK G. WILSON,
Advance Agent.
Hongkong, April 5, 1886.THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALLTHE HONGKONG AMATEUR
DRAMATIC CLUB
Have the honor to announce that
THE THIRD PERFORMANCE
OF THE SEASON,
will take place on
WEDNESDAY,

the 6th April, 1886, at 8 p.m.,

When will be produced

A COMEDY BY J. PALGRAVE SMITH,
entitled

'HEADS OR TAILS,'

AND

THE SUCCESSFUL PARCE

'CHISELLING.'

The proceeds of this Performance will be
devoted to Public CHARITY.Tickets (\$2 each) may be obtained from
MESSRS. LANE, CHAPFORD & CO., on, and
after Friday, 2nd April, at 9 a.m.

H. M. THOMSETT,

Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, March 26, 1886.

HONGKONG CHORAL SOCIETY.

A CONCERT in aid of the Funds of the

CITY HALL, will be given on WED-

NESDAY EVENING, 14th Instant.

Further Particulars will be announced.

Hongkong, April 3, 1886.

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SAILORS HOME

A NY Cast-off Clothing, Books, or
Papers will be thankfully received
at the Sailor's Home, West Point.

Hongkong, July 25, 1874.

To-day's Advertisements.

THEATRE ROYAL,

CITY HALL.

Manager, — NELL O'BRIEN.

Patron: HIS EXCELLENCY THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT, THE HON. W. H. MARSH, G.M.G.

ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION OF THE

MASCOTTE' OPERA COMPANY.

TO-MORROW EVENING,

the 6th April, 1886.

POSITIVELY THE LAST TIME OF GILBERT AND SULLIVAN'S COMIC OPERA

THE MIKADO.

Conductor, — Signor M. A. VALENZA.

By kind permission of Colonel TORSTER and Officers, the Band of the 53rd Regt. will play Appropriate Selections during the evening.

Doors open at 8.30. Overture at 9 precisely.

Box Plan at KELLY & WALSH'S (LIMITED),

Hongkong, April 5, 1886.

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OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR SHANGHAI VIA AMOY.

(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates for NINGPO, CHEFOU, NEW-CHWANG, TIENTSIN, HANKOW, and Ports on the YANGTSE.)

The Co.'s Steamship Nestor.

Capt. THOMSON, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 6th Instant, at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, April 5, 1886.

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INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SHANGHAI.

(Taking Cargo & Passengers at through rates for CHEFOU, TIENTSIN, NEW-CHWANG, HANKOW, and Ports on the YANGTSE.)

The Co.'s Steamship Nestor.

Captain HOOT, will be despatched as above on WEDNESDAY, the 7th Instant, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, April 5, 1886.

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THE CHINA & MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA VIA AMOY.

The Co.'s Steamship Diamante.

Capt. McCASLIN, will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 7th Instant, at 5 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

RUSSELL & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, April 5, 1886.

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DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.

The Co.'s Steamship Hainan.

Captain HARRIS, will be despatched for the above Ports on THURSDAY, the 8th Instant, at 9 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, April 5, 1886.

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FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

The Steamship Ararat.

Capt. A. B. MACINTOSH, will be despatched for the above Ports on TUESDAY, the 13th Instant, at 3 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

DAVID SASOON, SONS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, April 5, 1886.

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Hongkong, April 5, 1886.

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SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

5 P.M.—APRIL 5, 1886.

To-day's Advertisements.

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

PAQUEBOT POSTE FRANCAIS.

The Co.'s Steamship Iraouaddy.

Commandant BRETEL, will be despatched for SHANGHAI TO-MORROW, the 6th Inst., at Daylight.

G. DE CHAMPEAUX, Agent.

Hongkong, April 5, 1886.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

and the place entered. He thereon went to Gaoy Station and got a Sergeant of Police to accompany him to the house, where they found the articles mentioned missing, two pairs of glass broken, and his wardrobe and desk top-overset. The case was remanded and the prisoners were required to find security of £200 each.

His Honour T. T. Ford, Chief Justice of the Straits Settlements, has decided that payment for Manila Lottery tickets can be recovered, and that the following defences set up in a recent case cannot be sustained, viz.: (1st) that such a contract being a violation of the provisions of the Gambling Ordinance XIII of 1875 is illegal and void; and (2nd) that it is illegal and void by force of those provisions it is still so by reason of its being a contract against the public policy of these Settlements.

To the first of these objections His Honour expressed dissent at the hearing, being clearly of opinion that such a sale of tickets could not constitute the "keeping, using, permission to use, care, management or assistance to be given to the business of a lottery" for which some place of keeping or use within the jurisdiction is necessary, both upon the language of the act and general principles of construction. On the second point, His Honour admitted that the policy of the Settlements was against the existence of such lotteries, but he found that the contract could not be held to be illegal and invalid unless it were shown that the contract was illegal in the country where it was made, viz. Manila.

H. J. G. M. S. Iltis, Commander Meier, left Amoy on the 30th ultimo for Shanghai.

A large number of opium cases were tried at the Police Court to-day and fines of from \$5 to \$100 imposed.

The French ironclad *Turenne*, with Rear Admiral Rienquier on board, and the corvette *Roland* arrived at the outer lightship of Woosung on the 30th ultimo. The sloop *Sagittaire* was expected to arrive there to-day. It was reported that the French squadron would leave the Shanghai river on Saturday last for Japan.

The C. M. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Poolei*, while on her return trip from Tientsin, was partly disabled by the breakdown of her starboard engine. This accident occurred about 160 miles to the northward of Shantouwan. The starboard shaft, from some unknown cause, presumably faulty construction, broke near the thrust-block. The engines thus being relieved from the propulsive action of the engine-on-watch, tore round at a frightful speed.

Before the engineer on watch could succeed in stopping the serious damage was done, the crank-shaft being bent, the low-pressure cylinder broken, and the pump gear shattered. The damage done would no doubt have been more extensive but for the prompt action of the engineer-on-watch.

Mr Reid gave a very satisfactory delineation of the hero of the story, *Hardress Cregan*. He was in good voice, and in the opening song to his guests, in the duet with *Danny Mann*, "The Moon has raised her lamp above," and in several other numbers he was heard to great advantage. In

Myles na Coiteoin, Mr Walsh found the most congenial part, having yet seen him essay, and thought his impersonation of the character was not sufficient to rouse his audience to enthusiasm, he showed he had caught the spirit of it and made all effort to impart the same spirit to the audience. It is evident that Mr Walsh has the gift of making him to make an actor, and with hard and careful training ought to develop into a good one. As yet it is the day of small things with him. Vocally, he was capital, *Danny Mann* was personated in a powerful manner by Mr Farley. He was in capital voice, and his musical soliloquy in the second act, when he ponders over the crime which he is about to commit, was one of the finest pieces of vocalisation we have ever heard in Hongkong.

If anything, Mr Farley's impersonation was

more unfortunate in the matter of breathing and, we understand that, but one or two more of his original ones are left, than having been replaced by shafting many factured at Shanghai, which has proved good. It will be necessary to make a new low-pressure cylinder, and it is expected to be a number of weeks before the repairs are completed. This is unfortunate, as the busy season is now coming on.—*Shanghai Courier*.

The annual general meeting of the Shanghai General Chamber of Commerce fixed for the 29th ult. did not come off, there not being a sufficient number of members present to form a quorum, the rules requiring seven in addition to the committee. The following gentlemen attended:—Messrs. J. J. Kewick (Chairman), W. Brand, J. S. Ezekiel, F. E. Heskell, E. H. Lavers (members of the retiring committee), C. H. Bourmann, A. Gutzwiller, Carl Janzen, J. G. Purdon, J. Welch, and Geo. R. Corner (Secretary). The Chairman said it was unnecessary to wait longer to get the required number to form a quorum. He commented on the absence of interest shown in the Chamber, and said it only displayed what had characterised the proceedings of the Chamber for a great many years. It would be better perhaps to adjourn for a week in order to bring up more men to come and take an interest in the Chamber. He was thoroughly satisfied that there were a great many questions of vast importance to be dealt with from time to time, and the Chamber should be supported in every possible way in the discharge of questions. He hoped gentlemen would take more interest in the Chamber. He begged to propose an adjournment till this day week, at the same hour. This was seconded by Mr E. H. Lavers and carried unanimously.

One particular, and perhaps the only one, the Chinese resemble the English race; they import their national institutions into every country and colony they go to. Nor would there be any serious objection to this course of action did not the principles on which organisations are based come into direct conflict with the social and political well-being of the communities into whose midst they have migrated. First of all, Chinese institutions are not popular, and widen from precedent to precedent, and are formed and framed rather to secure the advantage of the few to the exclusion of the many, to maintain rights rather than to extend them, it follows, that where such institutions do exist, it is the duty of the Government to look sharply after them, in order to secure that they do not interfere with the freedom, nor curtail the rights, of others.

One of the Institutions which the Chinaman takes with him wherever he goes is that of Guilds.

Naturally timid, his first impulse is to combine, and he must either join his Guild or be initiated into one of the many Secret Societies that the injustice and corruption of the Chinese Government have called into existence, but which under English rule have nothing to show for their protection. With regard to Guilds, however, they are not altogether unmixed evils. From a Chinese point of view, they do and have done good work in promoting the trade interests in a way not altogether unlike our trades-unions at home. Like the old City Companies, not only do they endeavour to secure the religious interests and good fellowship of the Craft, but by driving interlopers either of the field or into the membership of the Guilds, they endeavour to secure its commercial success as well.

In spite of heavy dues, and other exactions, it is to the interest, say of a native merchant, to belong to one of these, or he runs (as we saw in the Supreme Court the other day) the danger of being boycotted and ruined. It is to his interest, further, because the Guilds wealth, power, and organisation frequently enable the members to substitute force almost into their bargainings, instead of an honest price quo pro quo, playing in the cheapest market; while the bounden imitations and connexions throughout China and elsewhere give them ample facilities and superior advantages for selling in the dearer. That they have not pursued their advantages to a

suicidal extreme is evident from the flourishing state of the Guilds, and besides, as there is nothing so sensitive to injustice as trade, all commercial enterprises, long ere this would have ceased. Competing Guilds must have also been a factor in preserving the trade within safe limits. The Guilds are so universally known that a racial of them would be superfluous. They are of a highly dramatic nature, and, when the acting is good, invariably have a powerful effect on an audience. They also, however, require a great deal of scenery and stage effects to produce thoroughly, and in this respect most travelling companies find a serious drawback. The Mascot acted and sang well; in this matter of stage effect they succeeded beyond our expectations, the limited resources of the theatre being utilised with skill and to the utmost advantage, and the representations as a whole was a tangible success.

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In the second act she also distinguished herself by her acting in the scene with *Danny Mann*, the initial but

misguided headman of *Hardress Cregan*, and the shrinking apprehensiveness of her heart, was most clearly, but not too prominently brought out. In the third act, she sang well throughout, especially in the duet with *Myles na Coiteoin*, her lover, when he warns her of her danger.

Miss Seymour was not equal to the parts in the *Colleen Bawn*, the rival of *Hardress Cregan*, and the affects of *Hardress Cregan*, Small though the part is, much more can be made of it than was made of it by Miss Seymour.

In the second act, she entirely failed to convey adequate impression of such disappointment as a young lady would naturally feel at finding her professed lover turn suddenly to another. The two solos which fell to her were rendered sweetly and gracefully, and the hunting song, with chorus by bandman of the Northamptonshire Regiments, was vociferously and deservedly encored.

Miss Hubert as *Mrs Vegas*, looked the attractive widow of the author's imagination, and gave a very fair rendering of what is, perhaps, a somewhat difficult character to personate. She was scarcely scornful enough in rejecting the proposal of the obsequious *Corrigan*. Miss Stoll's conception and delineation of *Shedden*, the kind-hearted old Irishwoman who shelters the *Colleen Bawn*, are worthy of every praise, and gave evidence of considerable histrionic power. Her singing was solely confined to taking part in the quartet "The Cruising Lass."

Mr Reid gave a very satisfactory delineation of the hero of the story, *Hardress Cregan*. He was in good voice, and in the opening song to his guests, in the duet with *Danny Mann*, "The Moon has raised her lamp above," and in several other numbers he was heard to great advantage. In

Myles na Coiteoin, Mr Walsh found the most congenial part, having yet seen him essay, and thought his impersonation of the character was not sufficient to rouse his audience to enthusiasm, he showed he had caught the spirit of it and made all effort to impart the same spirit to the audience. It is evident that Mr Walsh has the gift of making him to make an actor, and with hard and careful training ought to develop into a good one. As yet it is the day of small things with him. Vocally, he was capital, *Danny Mann* was personated in a powerful manner by Mr Farley. He was in capital voice, and his musical soliloquy in the second act, when he ponders over the crime which he is about to commit, was one of the finest pieces of vocalisation we have ever heard in Hongkong.

If anything, Mr Farley's impersonation was

more unfortunate in the matter of breathing and, we understand that, but one or two more of his original ones are left, than having been replaced by shafting many factured at Shanghai, which has proved good. It will be necessary to make a new low-pressure cylinder, and it is expected to be a number of weeks before the repairs are completed. This is unfortunate, as the busy season is now coming on.—*Shanghai Courier*.

The annual general meeting of the Shanghai General Chamber of Commerce fixed for the 29th ult. did not come off, there not being a sufficient number of members present to form a quorum, the rules requiring seven in addition to the committee. The following

gentlemen attended:—Messrs. J. J. Kewick (Chairman), W. Brand, J. S. Ezekiel, F. E. Heskell, E. H. Lavers (members of the retiring committee), C. H. Bourmann, A. Gutzwiller, Carl Janzen, J. G. Purdon, J. Welch, and Geo. R. Corner (Secretary). The Chairman said it was unnecessary to wait longer to get the required number to form a quorum. He commented on the absence of interest shown in the Chamber, and said it only displayed what had characterised the proceedings of the Chamber for a great many years. It would be better perhaps to adjourn for a week in order to bring up more men to come and take an interest in the Chamber. He was thoroughly satisfied that there were a great many questions of vast importance to be dealt with from time to time, and the Chamber should be supported in every possible way in the discharge of questions. He hoped gentlemen would take more interest in the Chamber. He begged to propose an adjournment till this day week, at the same hour. This was seconded by Mr E. H. Lavers and carried unanimously.

NATIVE GUILDS.

In one particular, and perhaps the only one, the Chinese resemble the English race; they import their national institutions into every country and colony they go to. Nor

would there be any serious objection to this

course of action did not the principles on

which organisations are based come into

direct conflict with the social and political

well-being of the communities into whose

midst they have migrated. First of all,

Chinese institutions are not popular, and

widened from precedent to precedent, and

are formed and framed rather to secure

the advantage of the few to the exclusion

of the many, to maintain rights rather than

to extend them, it follows, that where such

institutions do exist, it is the duty of the

Government to look sharply after them, in

order to secure that they do not interfere

with the freedom, nor curtail the rights, of others.

One of the Institutions which the Chinaman takes with him wherever he goes is that of Guilds.

Naturally timid, his first impulse is to

combine, and he must either join his Guild or be initiated into one of the many Secret Societies that the injustice and

corruption of the Chinese Government have

called into existence, but which under

English rule have nothing to show for

their protection. With regard to Guilds,

however, they are not altogether unmixed

evils. From a Chinese point of view, they do

and have done good work in promoting

the trade interests in a way not altogether

unlike our trades-unions at home. Like

the old City Companies, not only do they

endeavour to secure the religious inter-

ests and good fellowship of the Craft,

but by driving interlopers either of the

field or into the membership of the Guilds,

they endeavour to secure its commercial

success as well.

The application of these facts is obvious.

Hongkong has become a refuge for dis-

affected individuals, and still they come.

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and connexions with the Government of the

metropolis also by the nomination of the

Resident General and some high function-

aries and by the allocation of a subsidy,

which will be necessary for a few years

in order to square the receipts and expen-

ses of the guild.

In this manner the guilds will be able to

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